



Association's activity

On 1 May 2004, Poland became a full Member State of the European Union. Our country has been included in all Union's operations, has become co-responsible for its actions, for shaping the terms of cooperation and the common law of the Member States. The situation has impacted on the operations of our Association.

Part from implementing Association's activities specified in the Statute, as a representative of the industry, the Association had to get involved, in its own interest, in working on and preparation of the implementation of legal regulations already applying or prepared in the EU, which are significant to the industry. Main subjects include:

- Plants obtaining IPPC permits for operation,
- Emission trading and granting limits for CO₂ emission,
- Co-incineration of waste and position of cement industry in the National Waste Management Plan,
- Proposal of a new Union's policy concerning chemical products,
- Limitation of chromium content in cement.

In order to handle the responsibilities resulting therefrom, the Board of the Association has appointed Task Groups to deal with particular subjects, composed of competent industry representatives.

Among statute activities, three events must be mentioned, namely:

- „Dni Betonu” Conference – organized by Polski Cement Company together with the Association's Bureau, which took place on 11-13 October 2004 in Wista, attended by over 400 participants. The conference received over 70 papers, including 9 presented by renowned authorities on concrete from abroad. The objective of the conference, which was to promote application of concrete and propagation of its proper production and application, was achieved.
- VI Seminar „Alternative fuels in cement industry - sustainable development” took place on 5 May 2004 in Warsaw. The seminar was attended by over 100 participants, including many

representatives of stakeholders from government administration and institutions. The objective of the seminar was to share ideas between the administration authorities and ecological organizations on the one hand and the industry on the other, which was to lead to a better understanding of mutual positions as to use of alternative fuels, and thus their greater application.

- 4. European Lime Conference – took place in Kraków on 15-17 September 2004. The conference was attended by 240 participants from 25 countries. On the day preceding the Conference, plenary session of European and International Lime Association (EuLA-ILA) was organized. Our Association's office dealt with the entire organization of the Conference. The content remained the responsibility of EuLA. Members stressed the high level of organization of both events.

Furthermore, the year 2004 was the last year of common activities of the cement and lime industries. On 1 January 2005, separate Lime Industry Association was established, within which the lime industry will perform its common tasks.

